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AIRCRAFT AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that as per the report of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), there has been an increase in the growth of aircraft traffic and passenger traffic at Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Tiruchi airports in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether the study report reveals that facilities at smaller airports should be enhanced;

(c) if so, whether the Government is considering to provide all types of facilities at smaller airports in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu to avoid rush and overcrowding at the big airports; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the smaller airports in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is aware of high growth in aircraft movement and passenger traffic at all airports including Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Trichy airports in Tamil Nadu.

(b), (c) and (d) AAI has taken up improvement/ upgradation of infrastructure facilities at various airports including those in Tamil Nadu in a phased manner depending upon traffic requirements, availability of land etc. so as to meet the growing traffic demand. AAI has also decided for city side development/ modernisation of 35 non-metro airports in the country in phases to world class standards. The airports at Madurai, Trichy and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu are included in the list of selected airports.